

Chapter 8

Call of the House

HR4-8-101 Definitions.

"Call of the House" means the process by which the House may compel absent representatives to be present in the House chamber.

HR4-8-102 Initiating a call of the House.

- (1) Subject to the requirements of this rule, a representative may, without being recognized by the presiding officer, demand a call of the House by verbally stating "call of the House."
- (2) After a representative demands a call of the House, the presiding officer shall say: "If 10 or more will stand, we will be in a call of the House."
- (3) If the presiding officer determines that 10 or more representatives demand a call of the House, the presiding officer shall order the call.

HR4-8-103 Effect of call of the House.

- (1) Except for receiving and acting on the report of the sergeant-at-arms under HR4-8-104, the House may not transact any business during a call of the House.
- (2)
 - (a) During a call of the House, the presiding officer shall declare out of order each motion except:
 - (i) a motion to adjourn; or
 - (ii) a motion to lift the call of the House.
 - (b) The motions identified in Subsection (2)(a) must receive a majority vote from the representatives present to pass.

HR4-8-104 Process for conducting a call of the House.

- (1) During a call of the House:
 - (a) a representative present in the chamber may not leave the chamber; and
 - (b) the sergeant-at-arms or the sergeant's designees shall close the doors to the House chamber.
- (2) After ordering the call of the House, the presiding officer shall:
 - (a) in consultation with the chief clerk, identify any absent representatives; and
 - (b) provide the sergeant-at-arms with the names of those representatives who are absent but who have not asked to be excused.
- (3) The sergeant-at-arms or the sergeant's designees shall:
 - (a) search for the absent representatives;
 - (b) if they are found, escort them to the House chamber; and
 - (c) make a report to the House about the sergeant's efforts.

HR4-8-105 Lifting the call of the House.

- (1) The sergeant-at-arms may make a report on the call at any time.
- (2)

- (a) If the presiding officer determines that all representatives are present or accounted for, the presiding officer may:
 - (i) order the call to be lifted without motion; or
 - (ii) recognize a representative for a motion to lift the call of the House.
 - (b) If the motion is approved by a majority of those present, the call of the House is lifted.
 - (c) If the motion is not approved, the sergeant-at-arms and the sergeant's designees shall continue searching for the absent representatives.
- (3) After the call is lifted:
- (a) the sergeant-at-arms and the sergeant's designees shall open the doors of the House chamber; and
 - (b) the House shall proceed with the order of business that was pending when the call was ordered.